



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Group Art Unit	2154
Examiner Name	Larry Donaghue
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled **HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER HAVING HARDWARE ASSIST ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL-BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK**.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

1.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
2.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
3.  Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 ( pages) is enclosed.
4.  New power of attorney ( pages) is enclosed.
5.  Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (2 pages), with:
  - a. Form 1449 (1 pages)
  - b. Copies of IDS Citations (8)
6.  Check in the amount of \$790.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
7.  **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.**
8.  Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application (1 page) is enclosed along with authorization to charge Deposit Account 19-0743 in the amount of to pay the extension fee.
9.  Others: Communication Concerning Related Applications ( 2 pgs.).

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PATENT

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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

<u>Serial/Patent No.</u>	<u>Filing Date/Issue Date</u>	<u>Attorney Docket</u>	<u>Title</u>
09/671707 6831916	September 28, 2000	884.968US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL- BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK
09/731746	December 8, 2000	884.969US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER HAVING BANDWIDTH-OPTIMIZING, AREA- MINIMAL, VERTICAL SLICED MEMORY ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL- BASED SWITCH FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK
09/669670	September 26, 2000	884.971US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL- BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK
09/698166	October 30, 2000	884.982US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER HAVING MEMORY ACCESS BANDWIDTH OPTIMIZING SMART DECODER

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09/698188	October 30, 2000	884.983US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER HAVING HARDWARE ASSIST ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL-BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK
09/671703 6775719	September 28, 2000	884.985US1	HOST-FABRIC ADAPTER AND METHOD OF CONNECTING A HOST SYSTEM TO A CHANNEL-BASED SWITCHED FABRIC IN A DATA NETWORK

Continuations and divisionals may be later filed on the cases listed above, or cited to the Examiner in any previous Communication Concerning Related Applications. Applicants request that the Examiner review all continuations and divisionals of the above-listed or previously-cited patent applications before allowing the claims of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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